

TO: FCC

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I am concerned about the proposed changes you are considering that will impact many radio stations.

- 1.) These proposed community review boards proposed are not a good choice. First amendment rights protect freedom of speech and no group should dictate what an individual radio station MUST play. Different stations target different populations. Respect decisions to air different programming to different audiences.
- 2.) Priority should NOT be given to LPFM stations, when it forces existing stations to change the way they operate. This would be a huge cost to these national and international radio stations to have to change to local stations everywhere they broadcast. If you want to go to this type of policy, there needs to be room somehow to compromise or grandfather in the stations that are already in existence.
- 3.) Do NOT require on-site staffing at all times. I do not see the point of requiring someone to be on-site, when for years broadcasters have been able to use technology to broadcast without 24 hour staffing. Agreeably, a contact person should be available in case of emergency, but requiring all this additional staffing is not good business and is a step backward.
- 4.) Please consider enforcing stricter guidelines for appropriate content and language on stations, with penalties for non-compliance. I object to the more and more frequent use of language and subject matter that is NOT approved for ALL ages. Movies have ratings and restrictions, but any child can turn on the radio and find a station talking about sex, for example, and profanity galore coming from the broadcasters. If we "bleep" that from the songs, then why are we allowing it to come out of the mouths of those who are facilitating the music? The FCC has dropped the ball on this in a big way. Freedom of speech is about respect, not just saying whatever you feel like no matter how crass or degrading it is. Opinions can be expressed appropriately and warnings should be given when subject matter is NOT for all ages, if it is allowed to be aired. There are many stations in my area that I would listen to some of the music on, but not to the d.j.s. They are completely inappropriate and foul-mouthed.

Thank you for your consideration.